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Freeway shoulder work is focus of truck lane project

Paving within the freeway median was completed this summer, and work on the new truck-climbing lane between Redlands and Yucaipa has since shifted to the eastbound I-10 shoulder.

Crews from Brutoco Construction are working longer hours in an effort to complete the project within a few months. Workers are focusing on paving the widened lanes and building retaining walls, two critical pieces of the project.

The new pavement along the shoulder consists of three layers: a lean con-



crete base, a second layer of asphalt, and a top layer of thick concrete. Paving has been completed as follows:

- All three layers of pavement are in place between Ford and Wabash.
- The roadbed has been graded between Wabash and Yucaipa Boulevard to prepare for the pouring of lean concrete base.
- Lean concrete base is complete from Yucaipa Boulevard to Live Oak Canyon Road (see photo).

Retaining walls are under construction both east and west of Wabash, and a tie-back wall under the Wabash bridge will follow. Also, a tie-back wall under the Yucaipa Boulevard bridge is being built and is about half complete.

See story at right and on the next page for a summary of work that has been completed and tasks that still need to be undertaken on this project. The new lanes are expected to open to drivers in early 2005.

Measure I helps fund transportation projects countywide

Measure I, the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in San Bernardino County, will appear on the November 2 ballot. Voters will decide whether to extend Measure I past its 2010 expiration date.

Since its passage in 1989, Measure I has funded projects like the I-10 truck-climbing lane, plus thousands of transportation projects and services countywide. Population growth and the movement of goods through this region will continue to impact local freeways and streets.

For more information, visit the "Measure I Central" section of SANBAG's website, www.sanbag.ca.gov.

✓ Project milestones

Since the start of the truck-climbing lane project last November, a number of milestones have been completed:

- Crews cleared debris, graded, built drainage inlets and completed the center median with three layers of pavement.
- After the paving, workers ground, saw-cut, sealed joints and striped the new surface.
- A concrete center median barrier was built between Wabash and Live Oak Canyon Road.
- K-rail barrier was moved from the center median to the freeway shoulder, and traffic was shifted to the new pavement.

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Freeway Service Patrol helps drivers in distress *Roving tow trucks offer aid to 3,000+ since January*

Mary Patterson was on her way home from work last month when it happened: she ran out of gas. The Yucaipa resident, who works in San Bernardino, had been having trouble with her gas gauge. But within minutes of breaking down, a Freeway Service Patrol tow truck driver arrived, gave her a gallon of gas and made sure she got to the nearest gas station.

"It was a life-saver," Patterson said. "Being stranded in rush-hour traffic was pretty intimidating. It was wonderful how quickly the driver responded."

Since the service started on January 5, the Freeway Service Patrol has offered assistance to 3,466 motorists like Patterson near the freeway construction zone in Redlands and Yucaipa. The roving tow service is free of charge to motorists.

Armada Towing, which is under contract to SANBAG and under the jurisdiction of the CHP for the service, helps stranded drivers during peak commute hours, 5 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. On average, the tow truck operators, brothers Joshua and Jason Pallas, complete their service in about eight minutes.

Of the 3,466 offers to help, 1,096 (about one-third) of the motorists declined the service, due to help already being on the way or not needed. The remaining 2,370 travelers were aided with:

- 615 flat tires
- 589 mechanical breakdowns
- 359 overheated vehicles
- 215 empty gas tanks
- 195 accidents
- 175 abandoned vehicles
- 124 instances of debris in the road
- 91 electrical problems
- 7 other problems

FSP vehicles are marked with the FSP logo below the Armada Towing emblem on both truck doors (see logo at right). Tow truck drivers wear vests printed with the FSP logo and carry identification. Drivers do not accept payment or tips.

For information, call the helpline at 889-8611 x102 or email fsp@sanbag.ca.gov.



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- Crews cleared debris, graded and began paving along the shoulder.
- Sound walls on Hampton Road and along Reservoir Road were built.
- Three retaining walls near Yucaipa Boulevard were completed.
- Crews began work on two retaining walls, one east and one west of Wabash, and a tie-back wall under the Yucaipa Boulevard freeway bridge.
- A Freeway Service Patrol was started to reduce traffic congestion near the construction zone.
- Fiber optic cables along Outer Highway 10 South were removed, replaced or relocated for AT&T, Verizon and SBC.

Coming soon: Remaining truck-climbing lane work

Butoco Construction crews are gearing up for the final months of work on the truck-climbing lane. Tasks to be undertaken include:

- Paving along the shoulder between Wabash and Live Oak Canyon Road
- Grinding, saw-cutting, joint-sealing and striping new pavement
- Construction of auxiliary lane between Ford and Yucaipa Boulevard
- Completion of the concrete median barrier between Ford and Wabash
- Construction of a retaining wall near the west end of Outer Highway 10 South
- Construction of a tie-back wall under the Wabash bridge
- Realignment of eastbound freeway ramps at Ford, Wabash and Yucaipa
- Landscaping near Yucaipa Boulevard
- Planting of vines at the base of newly built sound walls
- Project review and acceptance by Caltrans